

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-27 are pending in the application, with 1 and 22 being the independent claims. The amendments presented above are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and that they be withdrawn.

Objection to the Abstract

The abstract has been objected to as being too long. Please find attached herewith a new abstract that meets the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 608.01(b).

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings have been objected to for various reasons. The objections and how they have been addressed are as follows:

In Figure 1, the legend was not identified with the term "Prior Art"; therefore, the term "Prior Art" has been added to the legend of Figure 1 in the attached replacement drawing sheet.

In response to the objection under 37 CFR 1.83(a) requiring that the drawings show every feature of the invention specified in the claims, Figure 2B is sought to be added. Figure 2B illustrates the features identified by the Examiner, namely "at least two tubular members", "an electrical power source", "a controller" and "at least three substrates, each having a plurality of light emitting devices". Figure 2B is fully supported by the specification (*see* paragraphs 10-11, 27, and 45-46) and is not believed

to introduce new matter. Thus, it is respectfully requested that Figure 2B be entered by the Examiner.

The specification has been amended above to include a description relating to new Figure 2B in the "Brief Description of the Figures" and in paragraph 27.

Figure 2 has been renumbered as Figure 2A in the attached replacement drawing sheet. Paragraphs 13 and 27 have been amended to incorporate the new designation of Figure 2 as Figure 2A.

Based on the replacement drawing sheets, the submittal of Figure 2B, and the comments above, Applicants respectfully request that the objections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection have been properly accommodated. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings

Replacement Figures 1 and 2A are attached herewith. These replacement sheets amend the legend of Figure 1 and the numerical designation of Figure 2 and replace the original Figures 1 and 2.

Please add Figure 2B attached herewith.